in recent past received on two occasions samples of imported Cineraria Maritima Succus manufactured by M/s. Willmar Schwabe of West Germany form the Drugs Inspector of Delhi Administration for test/analysis in Form 18 of Drugs and Cosmetics rules, 1945. Reports were issued in Form 13 as required under the Drugs Rules. Both these samples did not pass the pharmacopoeial requirements or the standards prescribed under the Drugs Act and as such they had failed.

(d) The recommendation of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

'Members were informed that standards for Cineraria Maritima Succus have been prescribed in Volume V of the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India. As per II schedule to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules, the standards prescribed in the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India are applicable to the same products marketed in the country, whether local or imported.

Hence, the Committee recommended that there should not be any laxity in applying the standards already prescribed in various volumes of the Homeopatahic Pharmacopoeia of India as separate monographs to the products being marketed in the country—including imported items and to take appropriate action to stop marketing of those products which are not in conformity with standards of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India.'

Quality of Iodised Salt

860. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iodised salt in the market is not of the prescribed quality;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Iodine is lost by 90 per cent if salt is kept for 9 months as reported in Times of India dated 20th June, 1989;

(c) whether stamping of date of manufacture would be made mandatory; and

(d) how many such samples were tested in the country during 1987-88 and 1988-89 and with what results and what corrective steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No. Most of the samples of iodised salt drawn from market in different parts of the country conform to the requirement as prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

(d) The Studies conducted by the Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar showed average loss of about 20 to 30 per cent of iodine during the first three months of storage only and thereafter for nine months period there is no further loss of iodine, provided the storage conditions are satisfactory.

(c) As per the provision of PFA Act, it is obligatory on the part of iodised salt manufacturers to indicate the month and year of manufacture on the bags/packages.

(d) Around 84% of the iodised salt samples tested at various laboratories of the salt Deptt. during 1988 were found to conform to the prescribed specifications.